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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S RETURN FOR CONSULTATIONS

REF STATE 303454

1. WHEN MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, I THANKED HIM
IN YOUR BEHALF FOR RECEIVING ROY ATHERTON ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.
I ALSO ASKED THAT HE CONVEY YOUR THANKS TO SADAT.
ATHERTON HAD GIVEN YOU A FULL REPORT OF HIS TALKS
IN CAIRO.

2. AS A RESULT, YOU HAVE NOW REQUESTED ME AND
AMBASSADOR MURPHY TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR FURTHER
REVIEW AND TALKS ON US POLICY IN THE UNSC. A
MEETING WITH YOU HAS BEEN SCHEDULED JANUARY 5-6, AFTER
WHICH I WILL RETURN TO CAIRO AT ONCE. THIS WILL ENABLE
US TO KEEP IN TOUCH ON THE UPCOMING
DEBATE IN THE UNSC.

3. I REITERATED ATHERTON'S COMMENTS THAT THE UNSC
PROCEEDING SHOULD NOT BE PUSHED IN A MANNER WHICH
WOULD PREJUDICE FURTHER NEGOTIATING POSSIBILITIES
AND OPTIONS. THE UNSC, IN OUR VIEW, COULD REAFFIRM
242 AND 338. ATTEMPTING TO GO BEYOND THIS WOULD UNDER-
MINE GENEVA FRAMEWORK AND WOULD ONLY RESULT IN

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NEGOTIATING OPTIONS WOULD BE CLOSED. ATHERTON HAD ALSO INDICATED LIMITATIONS INVOLVED IN UNSC AS WE SEE IT. WE ARE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE FURTHER IDEAS AND CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE SITUATION. FINALLY, I INVITED FAHMY TO GIVE ME ANY ADDITIONAL VIEWS HE MIGHT HAVE PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE JANUARY 4.

4. FAHMY COMMENTED THAT HE HAD EXPECTED ME TO BE CALLED BACK ON CONSULATIONS. HE AGAIN WANTED OUR SPECIFIC IDEAS AND NOTED THAT ATHERTON COULD SIMPLY SAY THAT THEY ARE STILL BEING FORMULATED. IN ABSENCE KNOWLEDGE OF EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW GOE COULD HELP. HE AGAIN REITERATED WE SHOULD AVOID EXCESSIVE USE OF THE VETO WHICH WILL SERIOUSLY HURT US AND OUR FRIENDS. WE SHOULD FIND SOME WAY TO ABSTAIN, IF WE POSSIBLY CAN, WHEN RESOLUTION DOES NOT MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS. SUCH ABSTENTION WOULD IN NO WAY COMMIT US.
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